[Translation]

Suicidal Squads

4949. KUMARI UMA BHARATI:
SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that Pakistan Intelligence agency is preparing suicidal squads to disturb the coming Assembly elections;

(b) if so, whether the Government have taken any precautionary measures to check the situation; and

(c) if so, the details therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA): (a) to (c) The Government have not received any specific reports regarding formation of suicidal squads by the Pakistan intelligence agency. However, it is a fact that Pakistan's ISI has continued to be actively engaged in sponsoring, aiding and abetting terrorist and secessionist violence in Jammu and Kashmir. There are reports of efforts to step up the violence with the aim of disturbing and thwarting the electoral process in the State including threats against candidates contesting the elections, political leaders and workers etc.

Government is fully alive to such designs and efforts and action has been taken to make elaborate arrangements for the security of the contesting candidates, political leaders, election staff, polling stations, etc., and to prevent possible activities aimed at disrupting the elections through intensified vigilance, patrolling and deployment of the security forces. The situation in this regard is being continuously and closely monitored.

[English]

Rice Production Scheme

4950. SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA. Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the districts of Uttar Pradesh included under the Special Rice Production Scheme;

(b) whether any specific assistance has been provided to the farmers of the State under the said Scheme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) to (c) The Special Rice Production Programme (SRPP) was in operation in Uttar Pradesh from 1985-86 to 1989-90. Under SRPP Central funds to the tune of Rs. 35.88 crores were provided to Uttar Pradesh Government. A total number of 24 districts were covered under the Scheme. However, at present an Integrated Cereals Development Programme on Rice based cropping system areas (ICDP-Rice) is being implemented on 75:25 basis between Government of India and State in selected blocks in Districts of Gorakhpur, Maharajganj, Deoria, Padrauna, Basti, Sidharth Nagar, Azamgarh, Mau, Varanasi, Bhadohi, Mirzapur, Sonebhadra, Jaunpur, Gazipur, Ballia, Faizabad, Gonda, Behraich, Sultanpur, Barabanki, Lucknow, Unnao, Raebareli, Sitapur, Hardoi, Kheri, Fatehpur, Allahabad and Pratapgarh.

Under this programme, assistance is provided to the farmers for transfer of technology through field demonstrations, integrated pest management demonstrations and trainings of farmers as well as incentive for critical inputs such as seed, farm implements etc.

[Translation]

Cheating with Banks

4951. SHRI SUKH LAL KHUSHWAHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a case of cheating had been registered at Kavinagar Police Station on September 9, 1995 against the Secretary and President of the Ghaziabad Cooperative Bank Limited, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any other case of fraud in this bank has come to light; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA) : (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.